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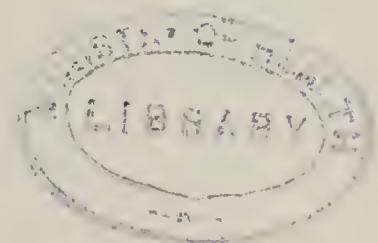
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To The Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mrs. Stott and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my twenty eighth Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed.

Population

The estimated population for 1956 is 8,460 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £79,300 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £294.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Births in 1956		88	51	37
Deaths in 1956		129	61	68
Deaths in infants under one year		3	2	1
Still births		3	--	3

Rates per 1,000 of Population

<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Deaths (all causes)</u>		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		<u>Infant Mortality</u>	
No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1000	No. of deaths	Rate per 1000
Reg.	per 1000 Pop.	Reg.	per 1000 Pop.	Reg.	per 1000 births.	Reg.	1000 total births	Reg.	1000 live births
1956.	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	33	Nil	Nil	3
1955.	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	Nil	2

Previous
year

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ANNUAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT
DURING 1955 and PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality.	
		No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	Under 1 year	Rate	Deaths	Rate.
1938	8033	98	12.1	110	13.6	6	61	Nil	
1939	8375	105	12.5	126	15.1	5	47	2	18
1940	8072	113	14.6	116	14.3	3	25	1	8.06
1941	7895	117	14.8	115	14.5	5	42	Nil	
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8595	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	

Birth Rate

In 1956 the live births belonging to this district were 51 males and 37 females.

The birth rate in 1956 was 10.4
The birth rate in 1955 was 15.1
the decrease in 1956 on the previous year was 4.7

Death Rate

In 1956 the deaths belonging to this district were 61 males and 63 females.

The death rate in 1956 was 15.2
The death rate in 1955 was 14.6
The increase in 1956 on the previous year was .6

In 1956 the registered deaths were higher than the births by 41
In 1955 the registered deaths were higher than the births by 3

During the year 52 people belonging to this district died outside it;

Birch Hill Hospital	34
Rochdale Infirmary	6
Marland Hospital	9
Gainsborough	1
Victoria Hospital, Accrington	1
Cumberland Infirmary	1

The causes of death were:-

Tuberculosis respiratory	1
Tuberculosis other	1
Syphilitic diseases	1
Malignant Neoplasm stomach	1
Malignant Neoplasm lung, bronchus	4
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12
Coronary disease, angina	19
Hypertension with heart disease	6
Other heart diseases	17
Other circulatory diseases	8
Influenza	1
Pneumonia	3
Bronchitis	15
Other diseases of respiratory system	1
Ulcer stomach and duodenum	3
Hyperpasia of prostate	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	14
Suicide	1

Infant Mortality

During 1956 there were 3 deaths of infants under one year, the causes of death being.

Ac. Bronchitis 1,
Prematurity, 1,
Cerebral haemorrhage, 1.

The infantile Mortality Rate in 1956 was 34
The infantile Mortality Rate in 1955 was 16
The increase in 1956 on the previous year was 18
The Maternal Mortality during 1956 was Nil
The Maternal Mortality during 1955 was Nil

Causes of Infectious Diseases Notified
during the year 1956

Under the National Health Service Act the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, (Consultation) open every Tuesday 2-0 to 4-0 p.m.

Ante Natal

Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street when the clinic is open.

Midwifery.

Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps

There are 7 home helps in the district.

Cleansing Centre

Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation

Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities

The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Littleborough.

Infectious Diseases

The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

Housing

The slum clearance programme is proceeding to schedule and during the year 10 Closing and 4 Demolition Orders have been made. Further progress is expected to be made during the coming year but the rate of progress is mainly governed by the rate of building.

During the year 22 bungalows were in course of construction - 8 one bedroom and 14 two bedroom. It has been observed during housing inspections that the persons requiring re-housing from sub-standard houses are mainly small families, single persons and old people.

I would suggest that when considering further building programmes, consideration be given to the erection of the smaller type of dwelling.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H

Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council

Mrs. Stott and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my twelfth Annual Report.

The designation "Sanitary Inspector" has now been altered to "Public Health Inspector" which I suggest gives a better indication of the work we now carry out.

During the year the work of reconditioning and modernising the 8 houses in Major Street has now been completed.

The work of Slum Clearance has commenced and Demolition Orders Under Section 11 Housing Act 1936 have been made on 4 houses and Closing Orders under Section 10, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 have been made on 12 houses.

10 Improvement Grants have been made during the year. These have been to owner occupiers and it is to be regretted that owners of rented property have not taken advantage of this grant to instal modern amenities in their houses.

The Food Hygiene Regulations came into operation this year and 77 visits have been made under these regulations, much work has been done but reinspection of all these premises has not yet been completed.

Housing Statistics for 1956

Number of houses erected during the year :

By other bodies	1
By Local Authority	Nil

Number in course of erection. 22 Bungalows

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	95
Number of inspections made for the purpose	261
Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	16
Number of dwellings (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	38

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers 36

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notice	
(a) by owners	2
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1935

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Act, 1953

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	12
Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	2

Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the Year	
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil

Housing Act 1949

During the year 10 Improvement Grants were made under the above Act.

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 95; of this total 7 were inspected owing to the occurrence of infectious diseases. The remaining inspections were made on account of general defects etc.

Other inspections made are shown in Table "A" and Nuisances abated in table "B".

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale and Oldham Corporations and is a direct supply to the houses.

Of the 3155 houses of the district, 2966 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available and are farms, farm cottages and small hamlets.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Rodent Control

The following summary gives details of the work carried out during the year:-

	<u>Properties Inspected</u>	<u>No. of properties infested</u>	<u>No. of treatments</u>
Local Authority	2	2	6
Dwelling Houses	119	24	24
Business premises	167	6	6
Agricultural premises	14	-	-

There were no cases of infestation of a serious nature.

Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was:-

Fresh water closets	2949
Waste Water Closets	54
Pail closets	178
Ashbins	2724

Cleansing Service

Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 8 men, and collect domestic refuse, nightsoil and offal.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 8,758 miles and collected 1694 loads of refuse, nightsoil and offal.

The figures are made up as follows:-

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic refuse	3,443	1,383
Nightsoil	1,553,	76
Offal,	590	49

During the year 2,476 hours have been lost by the cleansing service owing to sickness.

Salvage

16 tons, 16 cwts, 2 qrs of tins have been salvaged and sold to Rochdale Corporation for baling. Also 7 tons 4 cwts 6 qrs of ferrous metals have been sold.

Tip

The portion of the tip which has been levelled has now been seeded and the result appears to be satisfactory.

The contract has been let for a further 1200 trees consisting of 550 Grey Alder and 700 Sycamore to be planted.

Factories

There are 52 factories in the district, 51 mechanical and 1 non-mechanical.

These are made up as follows:-

Mechanical

10 Cotton Spinners	4 Bleaching and Dyeing
2 Waste Mills	1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturer
1 Flannel Manufacturer	2 Quarries
5 Engineering Works,	4 Joiners
1 Woodwork machinists	8 Bakehouses
1 Laundry	3 Garages
1 Plumber	1 Wool Sorter
1 Electrical Engineer	1 Hide Skin and Pickers
1 Printer	1 Slipper Manufacturers
1 Paper Tube Manufacturer	1 Television Assembling.
1 Brickworks.	

Non-mechanical

1 Plumber.

During the year 11 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, canteens and boiler plants.

Factories Act, 1937, Section 34

Means of Escape in case of Fire

During the year, 9 Certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire have been issued.

Work is being carried out at 5 other factories to provide adequate means of escape in case of fire.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a licence under this Act to manufacture Rag Flock.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

77 Visits have been made to premises under the above regulations and the work necessary to conform with these regulation has been suggested. This work has been put in hand but it has not yet been possible to make a final inspection.

Food Preparing Premises and Food Shops

There are 14 bakehouses and 17 visits have been made to the premises. The general standard is good.

The ovens at these premises are heated by gas, electricity and solid fuels. 3 gas, 1 electricity and 5 solid.

Food Shops

There are 13 butchers, 7 Fried Fish and Chip Shops, 31, Grocery and Provisions, 16 Confectioners and 10 Greengrocery and Fish.

Milk

Schools and Day Nurseries

All milk supplied to schools is pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

	Phosphates		Methy. Blue	
	Test		Test	
	No. Taken	S.	N. S.	S.
Schools	4	4	-	4
Day Nurseries	2	2	-	2

Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1945/1950

50 licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised"
28 Licences have been granted to sell "Pasteurised".

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

28 Licences have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955.

A total of 45 samples was taken, consisting of 38 samples of milk (including four of Channel Islands Milk) and 7 samples other than milk comprising the following:-

Cocoa	3
Epsom Salts	1
Canned Fish	2
Indian Brandee	1

All the above samples were submitted for analysis to the County Analyst who reported them to be genuine with one exception details of which are given below:-

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
Milk.	Freezing point indicated the presence of 2.1% of extraneous water.	The vendor was cautioned and further samples proved to be genuine.

Slaughterhouses
Food and Drugs Act, 1938 Section 57

There are 5 Licensed slaughterhouses in the district
The standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933
Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

11 Licences to slaughter or stun animals have been issued during the year.

Meat Inspection

Visits	Total	No of Animals Slaughtered					
		Cows	Heifers	Bullocks	Calves	Pigs	Sheep & Lamb
555	4311	672	218	165	69	398	2789

2 tons, 5 cwt of meat have been condemned during the year. The main reasons for condemnation were Tuberculosis, Distoma Hepaticum, Abscesses, etc.

The meat is conveyed to the Rochdale Corporation Cleansing Department for destruction.

Of the cattle inspected, 6% were affected with Tuberculosis. The grade of cattle slaughtered has been of a high grade and many are from attested herds.

Unsound Food

The undermentioned foodstuffs have been examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

1 tin Stewed Steak,
1 tin Salmon,
1 - 6 lb Tin Corned Beef
1 - 12 oz Tin Corned Beef
1 - 10 lb Tin Polis Ham,
12 lb Cod Fillet
14 lbs Hake,
1 tin Mushroom Soup

Shops Acts

The following is a list of shops in the district.

16 Confectioners	9 Hairdressers
13 Butchers	5 Hardware
5 Boot and Shoe	8 Newsagents
2 Chemists	2 Paint and Wallpaper
1 Corn Merchants	1 Second Hand Dealer
10 Drapers	1 Tripe
3 Electrical Goods	4 Sweets and Tobacco
7 Fried Fish and Chip Shops	1 Cycle Accessories
1 Fancy Goods	1 Drug Store
31 Grocery and Provisions	1 Herbalist
10 Greengrocery and Fish	1 Ironmonger.
1 Gowns	

Licensed Premises

21 Public Houses,
7 Clubs,
2 Off Licences.

103 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provision of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Smoke Abatement

The industrial chimneys are being kept under observations and every effort is made to prevent the emission of quantities of dense smoke.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 44 cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year.

Measles	14
Erysipelas	2
Tuberculosis	5
Scarlet Fever	7
Whooping Cough	15
Dysentery	1

7 of the cases of infectious diseases notified were removed to hospital.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as **Public Health Inspector**.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE "A"

Investigation of Infectious Diseases (notifiable)	7
Inspection of Dwelling houses	95
Re-inspection of Dwelling houses	166
Inspection of Factories	62
Inspection of Farms	14
Inspection of Bakehouses	17
Inspection re Food, Hygiene, Regulations	77
Inspection of Fried Fish and Chip Shops	5
Inspection of Licenses Premises	2
Inspection of Canteens	2
Inspection of Schools	6
Inspection of Tip	76
Visits re Rats and Mice	235
Inspection of drainage	31
Visits re applications for Council houses	14
Inspection of Shops (Shops Act)	103
Visits to Day Nurseries	8
Visits re unsound food	2
Visits to slaughterhouses	555
Miscellaneous inspections	22
Visits not inspections	73
visits re smoke abatement	8
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TABLE "B"

Eavesgutters repaired	2
Choked drains released	14
Roofs repaired	1
Ceiling plaster repaired	3
Window frames repaired	25
Percolations	7
Wall plaster repaired	1
New ashbins provided	1
Ashbins renewed	142
Infestations, Rats and Mice	34
Sanitary Pails renewed	11
Dampness	4
Accumulations removed	1
Water supplied	1
Smells	2
flue repaired	1
San. accommodation	6
Dirty conditions	3
W.C. door frame repaired	1
Def. W.M. C.'s.	3
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